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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.102(d)

Applicant hereby petitions that the above application be made special and requests advanced examination based on the conditions set forth in M.P.E.P. §708.02(viii).

§708.02(VIII) (A)

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§708.02(VIII) (B)

All claims are believed to be directed to a single invention. If the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, the applicant agrees to make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status.

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§708.02(VIII) (C)

A pre-examination search has been made with respect to the subject matter. An international search for related PCT application PCT/US03/25933 was completed on March 2, 2003 by the ISA/US. The claims of the related PCT application are of the same or similar scope as the present application. The International Search Report indicates that class 705/10 (U.S. classification system) was searched.

§708.02(VIII) (D)

Enclosed are copies of the references cited in these search report. The applicant has attached a copy of a Form 1449 citing additional references known to the applicant, which is also being submitted this day with copies of the additional references.

§708.02(VIII) (E)

Enclosed is a copy of an International Preliminary Examination Report issued by the IPEA/US in the related PCT application on May 17, 2004. The Report indicates that all the claims have novelty and inventive step. The Report further states that "the prior art (Driscoll, US 5,893,092) and Chen et al (WO 00/57312A1) does not teach or fairly suggest; Calculating a group user's predicted ratings of items based on the user's statistical parameters and history of ratings of items by the user."

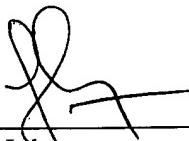
Furthermore, with regard to claims 1 and 88 and their dependent claims, the cited references do not disclose or suggest computing parameters associated with one or more groups of users as well as computing personalized parameters for a user using the parameters associated with that user's group of users and a history of ratings of items by that user.

There may be other reasons for allowability of the pending claims, or of other claims, over the cited references or over other references, that are not discussed above.

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